GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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USER CHARGES AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any machinery to supervise and control the user charges at various airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent upto which the air travel will be affected by unlimited user charges at the airports;

(d) whether such a machinery will also be in a position to put definite limits on user charges at the private airports which are coming up in the country; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per provisions under Section 22 of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) Act, 1994, Government of India approves the user charges at the airports in consultation/discussions with International Air Transport Association (IATA).

(c) The user charges represent only a small portion of the total operating cost of the airlines and are not unlimited.

(d) & (e) As far as the private airports are concerned, the user charges will be levied as per Rule 86 of the Aircraft Rules 1937, which is based on International Civil Aviation Organisation`s (ICAO) cost recovery principles and after approval from Government of India or the Airport Economic Regulator, as the case may be.